

EIGHTH DAY

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

The Senate of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, convened at 11:41 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by the Students of Punana Leo o Kawaiaha'o, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Seventh Day.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 208 to 210) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 208, dated January 20, 2006, transmitting a Report on Unauthorized Positions, pursuant to Act 178, Section 167, SLH 2005.

Gov. Msg. No. 209, dated January 23, 2006, transmitting a Progress Report Regarding State Support for Achieving Hawaii's Renewable Portfolio Standards, prepared by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism pursuant to Section 196-41, HRS.

Gov. Msg. No. 210, dated January 31, 2006, transmitting the Interagency Working Group Report, prepared by the Department of Education pursuant to Act 51, Section 42, SLH 2004, on the Transfer of Functions from Various Departments to the Department of Education.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Taniguchi, for the majority of the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2001) recommending that H.B. No. 1949, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1949, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, AND THE OMBUDSMAN," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, February 2, 2006.

ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bills that were introduced:

Senate Bill Referred to:

No. 2222 Committee on Media, Arts, Science and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 2269 Jointly to the Committee on Media, Arts, Science and Technology and the Committee on Business and Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Misc. Com. No. 2, from the Hawai'i Educational Policy Center, dated December 28, 2005, transmitting the Temporary Early Childhood Education Task Force Report, pursuant to Act 151, SLH 2005, was read by the Clerk and was placed on file.

Senator Fukunaga, Chair of the Committee on Media, Arts, Science and Technology, requested a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 2384;
S.B. No. 2570;
S.B. No. 2651;
S.B. No. 2716;
S.B. No. 2740;
S.B. No. 2741;
S.B. No. 2742;
S.B. No. 2813;
S.B. No. 3111; and
S.B. No. 3222.

Senator Fukunaga noted:

"Mr. President, for the member's information, these bills are essentially performing and digital media measures which we would like to advance early on the agenda and take as much time for comment and testimony as possible. Thank you."

The Chair then granted the waiver.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:56 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Hogue and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Wednesday, February 1, 2006.